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FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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## SUPERSEDING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-39, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein, upon entry of the following new claims 40-79.

--40. (New) A catalyst having activity under the irradiation of a visible light

comprising titanium dioxide having stable oxygen defects and exhibiting NOx oxidation